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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SWBJECT: Q & A GUIDANCE ON BOWDLER RECALL

Q: WHEN WAS THIS DECISION MADE? WAS IT TAKEN BY THE SECRE-
TARY ALONE OR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT?

A: THE DECISION WAS MADE THIS MORNING BY THE SECRETARY, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE
ADMINISTRATION.

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Q: WAS IT MADE UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE CONGRESS, OR CERTAIN
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS?

A: NO. AS THE STATEMENT INDICATES, THE AMBASSADOR IS BEING
CALLED HERE IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, FOR
CONSULTATIONS.

Q: DID YOU CONSULT WITH THE HILL ABOUT CALLING HIM BACK?

A: YES. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE CONSULTED.

Q: WILL BOWDLER GO UP TO THE HILL TO TESTIFY, OR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND VIEWS IN SOME WAY?

A: THE AMBASSADOR WILL PRIMARILY BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE SECRETARY AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR BOWDLER, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS.

Q: WOULD THAT BE IN THE FORM OF A PUBLIC APPEARANCE BEFORE A COMMITTEE, OR WHAT?

A: I CAN'T REALLY TAKE YOU BEYOND THAT AT THIS POINT.

Q: WHY IS BOWDLER BEING CALLED BACK? WHAT WILL HE DO HERE THAT CAN'T JUST AS EASILY BE DONE BY CABLE AND TELEPHONE FROM PRETORIA? AREN'T YOU DOING IT PRIMARILY AS A GESTURE, OR A SIGNAL OF OUR DISPLEASURE?

A: OUR STATEMENT SAYS THE AMBASSADOR IS BEING ASKED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS ON RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, AND I DO NOT WANT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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A: I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION NOW. WHEN WE KNOW IT, WE WILL INFORM YOU.

Q: HAVE YOU INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT?

A: YES, AMBASSADOR SOLE WAS INFORMED OF THE DECISION THIS MORNING.

Q: WILL BOWDLER SEE ANDY YOUNG WHILE HE IS HERE?

A: I AM CERTAIN AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

ABOVE PREPARED FOR OCT 21 PRESS BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT

SPOKESMAN. REPORT WILL FOLLOW ON QUESTIONS ACTUALLY RAISED
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